

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 278

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber VanHouten, 2009  
Valedictorian of Kenwood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amber VanHouten is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Kenwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Amber has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including the Student Government Association, the Drama Club, the National Honor Society, the Raiders, and serving as Battalion Commander of the Kenwood High School JROTC; and

WHEREAS, Amber displayed her athletic talents while participating on the track team, soccer team, and cross country team for Kenwood High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. VanHouten has dedicated her time and energies to her many and varied hobbies and interests including playing guitar, writing, reading, art, philosophy, horseback riding, and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Amber's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. VanHouten's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Kathie Kitts, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amber's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Kenwood High School Valedictorian, Amber VanHouten, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.